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DISTRICT MAN SENTENCED TO 40 YEARS FOR SHOOTING MURDER OF ANOTHER DISTRICT RESIDENT

WASHINGTON - A 20-year-old District man, Vincent Mills, Jr., has been sentenced to 40 years of incarceration for murdering another District resident on April 2, 2008, in the 800 block of 19th Street, Northeast, Acting U.S. Attorney Channing D. Phillips announced today. Mills received his sentence earlier today in D.C. Superior Court before the Honorable Michael L. Rankin. On June 18, 2008, after a 4-day jury trial, a Superior Court jury found Mills guilty of First Degree Premeditated Murder While Armed and related firearms offenses.

At trial, the government's evidence established that in the late evening hours of April 2, 2008, the defendant, the decedent, and some friends were congregating in the 800 block of 19th Street, N.E., when the decedent and Mills got into a verbal argument over a substantial sum of money that the decedent had recently earned from work. A physical altercation resulted, during which Mills pulled out a pistol and shot the decedent multiple times in the body and face. Mills then walked away, paused, and returned, shooting the decedent twice more in the back of the head.

At the time of the shooting, several people were outside and observed the incident. However, no witnesses remained on the scene and no eyewitnesses were identified that evening. Through diligent and thorough investigative work over the next several weeks, MPD Detective Anthony Paci, with the assistance of other MPD officers, identified and located several eyewitnesses to the murder, leading to Mills' arrest on April 27, 2009.

In announcing today's sentence, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips commended the work of MPD Detectives Anthony Paci, Seane Caine, Dwayne Partman, Robert Arrington, and Edward Truesdale, and MPD Sergeant Detective John P. Johnson of the Violent Crime Branch, Investigator Hosam Nasr and Officer Andrew Gamm of the Fifth District, and Evidence Technicians Curtis Lancaster, Charles Egan, Charles Graham, and Alfred Holmest. He also commended Paralegal Specialists Ethel Gregory and Kwasi Fields, along with Jeanie Latimore-Brown of the Litigation Technology Section, and Victim Witness Advocate Marcia Rinker. Finally, he praised Assistant U.S. Attorney Pat Martin, who investigated, indicted, and prosecuted the case.

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